

McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act – Funding Uses

- (1) Tutoring, supplemental instruction, and other educational services that help homeless children and youth reach the same challenging State content and State student performance standards to which all children are held. As clearly specified in the ESEA, as reauthorized by the NCLB Act, all academic enrichment programs for disadvantaged students, including programs for homeless students, must be aligned with State standards and curricula. Additionally, when offering supplemental instruction, LEAs should focus on providing services for children and youth that reflect scientifically based research as the foundation for programs and strategies to ensure academic success.
- (2) Expedited evaluations of eligible students to measure their strengths and needs. These evaluations should be done promptly in order to avoid a gap in the provision of necessary services to those children and youth. Evaluations may also determine a homeless child or youth's eligibility for other programs and services, including educational programs for gifted and talented students, special education and related services for children with disabilities, English language acquisition, vocational education, school lunch, and appropriate programs or services under ESEA.
- (3) Programs and other activities designed to raise awareness among educators and pupil services personnel of the rights of homeless children and youth under the McKinney-Vento Act, and the special needs such children and youth have as a result of their homelessness.
- (4) Referrals of eligible students to medical, dental, mental, and other health services.
- (5) Paying the excess cost of transportation not otherwise provided through Federal, State, or local funds, to enable students to attend schools selected under section 722(g)(3) of the McKinney-Vento Act.
- (6) Developmentally appropriate early childhood education programs for homeless children of preschool age that are not provided through other Federal, State, or local funds.
- (7) Services and assistance to attract, engage, and retain homeless children and youth, and unaccompanied youth, in public school programs and services provided to non-homeless children and youth.
- (8) Before- and after-school programs, mentoring, and summer programs for homeless children and youth. Qualified personnel may provide homework assistance, tutoring, and supervision of other educational instruction in carrying out these activities.
- (9) Paying fees & costs associated with tracking, obtaining, and transferring records necessary for the enrollment of students in school. The records may include birth certificates, guardianship records, immunization records, academic records, and evaluations of students needed to determine eligibility for other programs and services.
- (10) Education and training programs for parents of homeless children and youth regarding the rights their children have as homeless individuals and regarding the educational and other resources available to their children.
- (11) Programs coordinating services provided by schools and other agencies to eligible students in order to expand and enhance such services. Coordination with programs funded under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act should be included in this effort.
- (12) Pupil services programs providing violence prevention counseling and referrals to such counseling.
- (13) Programs addressing the particular needs of eligible students that may arise from domestic violence.
- (14) Providing supplies to non-school facilities serving eligible students and adapting these facilities to enable them to provide services.
- (15) Providing school supplies to eligible students at shelters, temporary housing facilities, and other locations as appropriate.
- (16) Providing extraordinary or emergency services to eligible students as necessary to enroll and retain such children and youth in school.